

BIOGRAPHY

LTC Steve Leonard

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CURRENT ASSIGNMENT: LTC Steve Leonard is an Army strategist currently assigned as the chief of operational-level doctrine, Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate (CADD), Combined Arms Center (CAC); he led the FM 3-0 writing team through the release of that manual in February 2008, and is the lead author for FM 3-07, the Army's new stability operations manual.

Following redeployment from Iraq in 2004, LTC Leonard was assigned to CADD to serve as one of the core writers for the revision of FM 3-0, *Operations*, where his efforts focused on evolving the Army's approach to Battle Command and Operational Art. His efforts with FM 3-07 have included extensive collaboration with interagency, intergovernmental, and non-governmental organizations in the writing and review process. When published in October 2008, the Stability Operations manual will be the most thoroughly vetted field manual ever produced by the Army.

PAST EXPERIENCE: LTC Leonard was commissioned through the ROTC program at the University of Idaho, and entered active service in 1988. The Distinguished Graduate of his Ordnance Officer Basic Course, LTC Leonard was assigned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he served in the 101st Corps Support Group, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) from June 1988 through July 1992. He held positions as a maintenance platoon leader, shop officer, materiel officer, and battalion S-4. While assigned as the materiel officer of the 561st Corps Support Battalion, he deployed to the Middle East and served in combat during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm (September 1990 – May 1991).

After graduating as the Distinguished Graduate of the Ordnance Officer Advance Course, LTC Leonard was assigned to USAREUR, where he commanded the 16th Combat Equipment Company (POMCUS); during his command, he executed the Army's first contingency activation/issue of pre-positioned unit sets, receiving and deploying three CONUS-based engineer units into Bosnia for the initial crossing over the Sava River. Following service as the brigade S-1 for Combat Equipment Group – Europe, LTC Leonard taught military science at the University of Montana from 1997-1999.

From 1999-2001, LTC Leonard attended the Command and General Staff College, followed by the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS). After completing SAMS, he was assigned as the G-4 Plans Officer for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), where he was a core planner for the division's operations in Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom (OIF). After completing the initial division plans for OIF, LTC Leonard was assigned to 2nd Brigade Combat Team (502 IN), where he served during combat as the Brigade Support Operations Officer, then later as the Executive Officer of the 526th Forward Support Battalion. He redeployed with the brigade from Mosul, Iraq, in March 2004.

LTC Leonard and his wife, Kari, have been married for 21 years, and have three children: Matt, Alex, and Keleigh. Their oldest son, Matt, returned in September from a six-month deployment to Iraq as a member of the Kansas Air National Guard's 190th Air Refueling Wing.